

Abstract

5 In a zener zap diode device and a system for making such a device using a double poly process, p^+ and n^+ regions are formed in a tub by means of p-doped and n-doped polysilicon regions, and a p-n junction is formed between the p^+ region and an n-tub or between the n^+ region and a p-tub. Cobalt or other refractory metal is reacted with silicon to form a silicide on at least the p-doped polysilicon region. By reverse biasing the p-n junction and establishing a sufficiently high zap current, the silicide can be forced to migrate across the junction to form a silicide bridge thereby selectively shorting out the p-n junction.